

Sessions Cases.

113. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Sessions Cases tried in each of the Sessions Courts in the State from Edavom 1113 to Meenam 1114 ;

(b) the number of cases convicted ; and

(c) the number of cases acquitted in each of the Courts ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*) :
(a) (b) and (c). *A statement giving the required details is laid on the table.

Board of conciliation of labour disputes.

114. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) when the Board of Conciliation of Labour Disputes in the Mats and Matting Industry was started ; and

(b) when the Board is expected to complete its work and submit its report.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (a) On the 20th December 1938.

(b) By the 15th July 1939.

Constitution of a Labour Department in the State.

115. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps, and if so what for the constitution of a Labour Department in the State ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Thottappalli Bridge.

116. *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunmatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have enquired into the case of the collapse of the Thottappally Bridge ;

(b) what was the cause of the collapse of the bridge ; and

(c) whether the collapse has caused any loss of human life ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (a) Yes.

(b) Two boats supporting one end of the bridge suddenly gave way due to some unknown reason.

(c) No.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know from the member whether it was not due to the rottenness of a plank at the bottom of the boat that the bridge collapsed ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : That is perfectly right.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Then, may I know why it has been stated in answer to (b) that the bridge suddenly gave way due to some unknown reason ?

*Vide Appendix IV.

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